

### **Village Center Upcoming Trips**

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# A Holiday Tour of Historic Houses in Philly Wednesday, December 9

Join us as we discover the charms of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park when we tour two historic houses decorated for the holidays. Especially for 2015, the historic houses will delight visitors with festive adornments and stunning interiors inspired by the whimsical Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas," decorated by local interior designers and garden clubs. Upon arrival in Philadelphia, we'll meet our guide at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and tour historic Cedar Grove. This house was constructed in the mid-18th century, and is furnished with exceptional examples of early Pennsylvania furniture. Following lunch in the museum, we'll tour beautiful Strawberry Mansion. The featured stories of this house span over three centuries and incorporate the life of the acclaimed colonial Judge William Lewis (1752-1819) to the national celebration of the Sesquicentennial of 1926 (celebrating America's 150th anniversary.) We'll depart from the Village Center at 7:30 a.m. and should return by 7:30 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes round-trip transportation, admission to houses, lunch and all taxes and gratuities, is \$124.

# China Exhibit at George Washington University and The Textile Museum Wednesday, January 13

Photographer and writer John Thomson took four journeys across China, capturing scenes and people from all walks of life. In *China: Through the Lens of John Thomson*, GW University and the Textile museum present a stunning selection of photographs alongside contemporaneous pieces from the museum's collection of Qing-Dynasty textiles and accessories. We'll enjoy a two-course luncheon at Tonic, an eatery across from the Textile Museum, known for its burgers, sandwiches and signature tater tots. We'll depart from the Village Center at 10:45 a.m. and should return by 3 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation, lunch, admission to museum and tour, and all taxes and gratuities, is \$63. Sign up immediately at the Village Center. The deadline is Dec. 30. There are 29 spaces available.

#### A Trip to the Kennedy Center for A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder

#### **Thursday, January 28**

The winner of four Tony Awards in 2014, including Best musical, *Gentleman's Guide* tells the uproarious story of Monty Navarro, a distant heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of succession by eliminating the eight pesky relatives (all played by one actor) who stand in his way. This hilarious musical comedy will have you dying with laughter! We'll leave the Center at 6:15 p.m. and return around 10 p.m. The cost, which includes a 10% discounted Orchestra ticket, transportation, and driver gratuity, is \$118.